

Senator Strong moved that the Senate conferees be instructed according to the provisions of Senate Resolution 507 of the Regular Session, 61st Legislature, 1969.

The motion prevailed.

Accordingly, the President Pro Tempore announced the appointment of the following conferees on the part of the Senate on the bill: Senators Aikin, Creighton, Herring, Schwartz and Word.

Senate Resolution 19

Senator McKool offered the following resolution:

Whereas, The Senate of the State of Texas is extremely proud of the accomplishments of our youth; and

Whereas, The outstanding reputation of the Concert Chorus of the Oak Cliff Boys' Chorus of Dallas, Texas, under the direction of Mr. Joseph Abston, has come to our attention; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the State of Texas, 1st Called Session of the 61st Legislature, That the Concert Chorus of the Oak Cliff Boys' Chorus of Dallas, Texas, be invited to visit the Senate on August 7, 1969, and sing in the Rotunda of the State Capitol at 10:00 a.m.

The amendment was read and was adopted.

Welcome and Congratulatory Resolutions

S. R. No. 15—By Senator Schwartz: Extending welcome to Mrs. Zoriada Stokes and her two sons, et al., of Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

S. R. No. 16—By Senator Harrington: Extending congratulations to H. Alfred Miller on the occasion of his 82nd birthday.

Adjournment

On motion of Senator Hightower the Senate at 11:38 o'clock a.m. adjourned until 11:00 o'clock a.m. tomorrow.

APPENDIX

Sent to Governor

Monday, August 4, 1967

S. C. R. No. 5

SIXTH DAY

(Tuesday, August 5, 1969)

The Senate met at 11:00 o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the President.

The roll was called and the following Senators were present:

Bates	Jordan
Bernal	Kennard
Berry	Mauzy
Blanchard	McKool
Bridges	Moore
Christie	Patman
Cole	Ratliff
Creighton	Schwartz
Grover	Snelson
Hall	Strong
Harrington	Watson
Harris	Wilson
Herring	Word
Hightower	

Absent—Excused

Aikin	Connally
Brooks	Hazlewood

A quorum was announced present.

Reverend W. H. Townsend, Chaplain, offered the invocation.

On motion of Senator Hightower, and by unanimous consent, the reading of the Journal of the proceedings of yesterday was dispensed with and the Journal was approved.

Leaves of Absence

Senator Hazlewood was granted leave of absence for today on account of important business on motion of Senator Hightower.

Senator Connally was granted leave of absence for today on account of a death in the family on motion of Senator Word.

Senator Aikin was granted leave of absence for today on account of illness in the family on motion of Senator Hall.

Senator Brooks was granted leave of absence for today on account of important business on motion of Senator Jordan.

Message From the House

Hall of the House of Representatives
Austin, Texas,
August 5, 1969.

Hon. Ben Barnes, President of the Senate.

Sir: I am directed by the House to inform the Senate that the House has passed the following:

S. C. R. No. 3, Providing for a Joint Session of the Legislature on August 19, 1969.

Respectfully submitted,
DOROTHY HALLMAN,
Chief Clerk, House of Representatives

Senate Concurrent Resolution 7

Senator Cole offered the following resolution:

S. C. R. No. 7, Expressing appreciation to Postmaster Granville W. Elder and the Houston Post Office.

Whereas, The Post Office Department in Houston, Texas, headed by Postmaster Granville W. Elder, has recently instituted a training program for deaf applicants; and

Whereas, Through this outstanding program qualified deaf applicants will be trained to operate the Letter Sorter Machines in the Houston Post Office; and

Whereas, This unique venture in hiring the handicapped has great potential for business and industry throughout our country and in this program many deserving persons will be given a tremendous opportunity for satisfying, well-paying jobs; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the 61st Legislature, 1st Called Session, the House of Representatives concurring, That the Texas Legislature extend highest commendations to Postmaster Granville W. Elder and the Houston Post Office for this notable program for the deaf; and, be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for Granville W. Elder as an expression of high regard and appreciation from the 61st Legislature of the State of Texas.

The resolution was read.

On motion of Senator Cole, and by unanimous consent, the resolution was considered immediately and was adopted.

Senate Concurrent Resolution 8

Senator Ratliff offered the following resolution:

S. C. R. No. 8, Extending congratulations to John Worth Cloud and designating his poem "The Legend of

Old Stone Ranch" as the official epic poem of Texas.

Whereas, The history of Texas and the men who made it, coupled with the legend and drama of the frontier, have been captured by John Worth Cloud in his saga of Texas borderlands, "The Legend of Old Stone Ranch"; and

Whereas, An epic poem of Texas ranking with the famed "Kalevala," the national epic poem of Finland, "The Legend of the Old Stone Ranch" is a collection of colorful episodes from Texas history written in unrhymed alliterative eight-syllabled verse telling a story, like the "Kalevala," of a specific geographical area; and

Whereas, Mr. Cloud's poetic interpretation of early 19th century life on the Texas frontier involves the reader in the fictional romance of Newton Givens and his beloved Lucinda against the backdrop of rugged grandeur that characterizes Shackelford County, where Comanche and buffalo can almost be seen today disappearing into the horizon; and

Whereas, In discussing the book, the poet said: "Newton Givens and Old Stone Ranch came alive (to me) following a delightful visit to the Putnam Ranch and a tour of various sites pertinent to the story . . ."; and

Whereas, While the main characters in the book are fiction, events surrounding their lives were very much a part of everyday life on the frontier, and the story was written only after diligent inquiry and investigation; and

Whereas, Mr. Cloud said that writing the legend in verse was an irresistible challenge, one that reached him while he was researching "Shackelford County Sketches" by Don Biggers, when the grave scene so impressed him that he wrote it in verse:

. . . On a high hill overlooking
Old Stone Ranch, a cemetery
With a single grave stands vigil
Over sweeping rugged grandeur
Of a land now roamed by cattle.

The discovery, inadvertent
Of the tomb was made by persons
Looking for long-buried treasure.
In the tiny hand-hewn casket
Was the body of an infant.

Rocks and hills held fast the
secret
Of the tender hands that placed it
In the hallowed earth to slumber.

Yet, to one's imagination
Comes the vision of a woman,
Bowed in grief by her bereave-
ment,
Raising tear-dimmed eyes to
heaven,
Asking God to grant her surcease
From the sorrow in her bosom . . .

and

Whereas, On June 20, 1969, the Texas Historical Survey Committee gave to John Worth Cloud of Albany, Texas, the official State award for "Best Historical Publication of the Year on Local or Regional History" in recognition of his book "Legend of Old Stone Ranch"; and

Whereas, It is appropriate that the 61st Legislature of the State of Texas commend John Worth Cloud for his distinguished accomplishment in delineating the glorious country that is Texas and interlacing romance and description with the charming legends of American Indians to make "The Legend of Old Stone Ranch" a true Texas saga; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the 61st Legislature, 1st Called Session, the House of Representatives concurring, That the Texas Legislature hereby congratulates John Worth Cloud on his momentous work, "The Legend of Old Stone Ranch," and with this Resolution officially designate the saga of the Texas frontier as the official epic poem of Texas; and, be it further

Resolved, That copies of this Resolution be prepared for John Worth Cloud of Albany, Texas, for the Texas State Historical Survey Committee, and for the Archives Division, Texas State Library, in expressing the will of the Texas Legislature that "The Legend of Old Stone Ranch" is the official epic poem of Texas.

The resolution was read.

On motion of Senator Ratliff, and by unanimous consent, the resolution was considered immediately and was adopted.

Senate Resolution 20

Senator Blanchard offered the following resolution:

Whereas, The Vocational Agriculture Teachers of Texas are meeting in Austin, Texas, August 5-8, 1969 for the twenty-ninth Annual In-Service Education Workshop; and

Whereas, In the changing world of Agriculture Production, more and

more young men in our schools are becoming aware of the importance and opportunities in agriculture and agri-business training and these young men are receiving training in Production Agriculture, Cooperative Part-Time and Pre-Employment Laboratory Training in Vocational Agriculture; and

Whereas, Within the high schools, the vocational-technical schools, the community colleges, the whole of education itself, a new era has begun—an era in which our rapidly expanding technology will reach into every community and every life; and

Whereas, The Young Farmers of Texas and the Adult Farmers are also part of the responsibility of the Vocational Agriculture Teachers of Texas; and

Whereas, For all of us, the changing world of work will have great meaning. Vocational Agriculture in the schools of Texas are engaged in the vital task of training our youth and adults for leadership roles and careers in agriculture; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of Texas, That this group of teachers be commended on the fine jobs they do to improve agriculture in Texas and in the Nation.

BLANCHARD
CHRISTIE
STRONG
WILSON
HIGHTOWER
HALL

The resolution was read and was adopted.

Welcome Resolution

S. R. No. 21—By Senator Harrington: Extending welcome to Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Smith, et al. of Deweyville.

Adjournment

On motion of Senator Schwartz the Senate at 11:14 o'clock a.m. adjourned until 11:45 o'clock a.m. tomorrow.

SEVENTH DAY

(Wednesday, August 6, 1969)

The Senate met at 11:45 o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the President.